

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the abstract appearing on page 14, line 3 as follows:

A ~~S~~surface water drainage systems ~~are known~~ is provided that comprises a structure that can be installed in the ground, and a cover that can be laid onto an upper edge of said structure. Fixation devices are provided that are attached to the cover and comprise a first locking means in the form of elastic hook elements fixed to edges of the cover that can be brought into snap-on engagement with other ~~second~~ locking means on said structure in order to retain the cover on the structure. ~~To simplify the arrangement it is proposed to construct the first locking means as elastic hook elements that can be fixed to edges of the cover. This measure ensures both simplicity of manufacture and a high degree of durability.~~